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ARMITAGE, E. and F. (1898): *Post*, Lyndhurst, Museum Hill,
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HOPE WISEMAN (1905): *Home*, The Holts, Little Horkesley,
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LAKE, H. M. (Mrs. Spencer Bourne) (1901): *Home*, Redcliffe,
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BIRTH.

BLEASE.—On July 12th, at Rostherne, Blundellsands, to Mr.
and Mrs. Harvey Blease, a daughter (Helen Margaret).

NOTICES.

The Editor much regrets that the Rev. Walter Earle was referred to throughout the June L'UMILE PIANTA as Mrs. Earle. It was owing to the indistinct writing of the reporter. The Editor would like to take this opportunity of begging students to write *very* clearly, especially names, and only to use one side of the paper, otherwise the whole paper has to be recopied, which gives much unnecessary labour.

One or two notices which were crowded out of the January PIANTA, and would not fit conveniently into the June Conference number, have now become too antiquated to need insertion at all. Also many interesting articles have been omitted owing to want of space.

Miss Sumner recommended at the Conference a Benefit Club for Women, called "The Order of United Sisters," for sick, funeral, and superannuation benefits. It is registered under the Friendly Societies Act, and the address is 21, Thomsett Road, Anerley, London, S.E.

At the end of this number will be found the first instalment of a long list of plants still required in the Scale How Botanical Gardens. Anyone who can legitimately procure seeds or roots is requested to send them to the Head Gardener (Miss P. Wilkinson), who will be most grateful for them.

There was a Students' Meeting held by the kindness of Miss Faunce and Miss Evans at 13, Chilworth Street, on June 3rd. Miss Mabel Conder, Miss Dyke, Miss Gray, Miss Macfarlane, and Miss Mew were present. The chief subject of conversation was the Conference.

At the Students' Meeting held on July 1st the following were present: Misses Evans, Faunce (1899), Bell, Davis, Young (1906), Franklin (1907), Biggar and Hart (1908). Conversation turned on the letter sent round by the P.N.E.U. Committee suggesting a "Children's Conference" next year to mark the majority of the Union. All agreed that it would be delightful, if sufficient children could be mustered. Two

of the students present had formed patrols of scouts since the Easter Conference, and it was debated as to whether any of the London P.U.S. children could occasionally join them for expeditions. No one seemed to have found any books throwing light on the artists for this term. Miss Faunce showed some leather work done by her pupils (girls from 12 to 14), which was much admired, some pieces being very artistic.

Miss Stella Randle, who makes up leather work, etc., has left Redcliffe Gardens, and her present address is 4, Coleherne Terrace, S.W.

Miss Parish has drawn up a new catalogue of the P.N.E.U. Library. Books are lent to members for a month at a time, the only charge being the postage. The Library has been much enlarged, and contains many most helpful and most interesting books, and students would do well to obtain catalogues, for there are often books to be had which bear on the term's work.

Miss Courtney's name was accidentally omitted in the list published in the last PIANTA of those present at the Conference.

The next L'UMILE PIANTA will appear on November 15th. All communications should reach the Editor not later than *October 25th*.

REPORT OF THE S.E. COMMITTEE.

The Committee Meeting that was to have been held on June 17th came to nought, as only two members of the Committee were present—not enough to form a quorum. So the business had to be transacted by letter, but as all were unanimous in agreeing with the suggestions, the net result was the same.

(1) Miss Kitching was re-elected Chairman.

(2) The years of students have been distributed as follows (and will students please take their Committee members

seriously and not hesitate to write to them if they have any point they want explained or brought to the notice of students generally?) :—

1892-1895	...	...	M. W. Kitching
1896-1897	...	...	L. Gray.
1898	...	...	E. M. E. Wilkinson.
1899-1900	...	...	M. F. Evans.
1901	...	...	E. M. E. Wilkinson.
1902-1903	...	...	H. E. Wix.
1904	...	...	M. E. Owen.
1905-1906	...	...	M. E. Davis.
1907-1908	...	...	M. E. Franklin.
1909-1910	...	...	V. R. Bishop.
Present Students	...	...	L. Gray.

(3) The following programme has been arranged for the Winter Session of Students' Meetings as a result of the wish of students present at the Ambleside Conference that every other meeting should be held away from Chilworth Street. We hope that these meetings will be well attended, and that they will tend to make the Students' Meetings more popular, and also that they will in no way detract from the attendance of the Chilworth Street meetings, for many of us do enjoy meeting there in a quiet way for tea and talk. The meetings will be held as follows :—

1911	{	October 7th.—Kew Gardens.
	{	November 4th.—13, Chilworth Street.
	{	December 2nd.—St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
1912	{	January 6th.—13, Chilworth Street.
	{	February 3rd.—The Mint.
	{	March 2nd.—13, Chilworth Street.

If these prove a success the Committee will be pleased to arrange further meetings through the spring. But will students bear in mind that meetings like this entail more arranging than the ordinary ones, and that the Secretary must have a fairly accurate idea of how many hope to attend, and she would be glad to have their names at least a week in

advance? In the case of the Mint, the notice must be much longer ahead, but there will be further notices in the November PLANT. The meeting at "Barts" has been arranged at the suggestion of Miss Mew, who is nursing there, and who will be delighted to take us round and show us many interesting things: but details will be published in November.

We hope several students will be able to come to Kew Gardens on October 7th, for they are lovely in the autumn, and there is still much to be seen. The meeting-place will be the Main Entrance on Kew Green from 3—3.15. This is about five minutes' walk from the electric trams from Shepherd's Bush and Hammersmith, and about seven minutes from Kew Gardens Station on the District Railway, trains running about every quarter of an hour. Will all students who hope to be present send their names to Miss Gray, 5, Old Palace Lane, Richmond, not later than October 1st; and will they make an effort to be punctual, so that none may be left behind?

There was no further business transacted, but may the Secretary make one more appeal to students to read their magazines carefully and to respond when suggestions or postcards are asked for; it is so much more encouraging to receive postcards by the score than by ones and twos. And will students also bear in mind that it is only courteous to Miss Faunce and Miss Evans to let them know when they hope to be at Chilworth Street, as they like to know how many they may expect to tea?

It has been suggested that we might devote each Chilworth Street meeting to the discussion of some artist or writer, or some other prominent man that would help students with the ordinary work of the term. Each one who hoped to be present might come prepared to impart some point of interest in connection with his life or work, or read extracts from his writings. It would be a good idea to discuss this at the Students' Meeting to be held in November at Chilworth Street.

—LILIAN GRAY.

LETTER FROM PRESENT STUDENTS.

SCALE HOW,

July, 1911.

DEAR EX-STUDENTS,

We came back on April 20th, and on the following day, Friday, 21st, the Conference began. We all enjoyed it very much, but will not enter into details, as a delightful account of it has already been published in the PIANTA. Having sped the parting guest, and some of us in a fit of enthusiasm having taken rooms for the next Conference, we settled down to the work of the term.

Our horizon was partially obscured by the prospect of the Botany Examination on May 24th. As it happened to fall on Empire Day our thoughts were distracted from the ordeal. On the evening before, May 23rd, Miss J. R. Smith read her interesting paper tracing the history of our colonies: Canada and Australia. On the day itself we had a very short and informal service in St. George's, with Empire hymns. Miss Mason presided and Miss Williams, amongst other suitable poems, read "Our Lady of the Snows," "The Flag of England," and "The Recessional."

Our thoughts now began to turn to the Half-Term Holiday.

We did not charter a brake to convey us *en masse* to any particular place, but preferred to disperse ourselves in threes and fours over the Lake District. Shortly after this the long spell of fine weather that had set in directly the old students left came to an end. This was fortunate, as the Water Board had already warned us that in the immediate future there would be no more baths unless rain came!

We celebrated Coronation Day by another whole holiday. Wednesday, June 21st, was very wet, but armies of gallant women, mackintoshed and goloshed, bravely struggled with the elements, tacking and tying laurels and bunting all over the front of the house. A large flag was hoisted upon St. George's, while private enterprise blazed from every window.

The arches erected at the front gate and at Fairfield were magnificent.

The next morning, when we came down to breakfast, each one found on her plate a charming Coronation booklet from Miss Mason. Each was also presented with a rose and a red, white, and blue rosette. In spite of the dampness of the weather we all sallied forth to see the procession and hear the loyal address read from the Market Cross.

By church time the rain had stopped, and it held off during the sports in the church fields, which occupied the whole afternoon. At seven o'clock there was a fancy dress procession to Waterhead, where prizes were given for the best decorated bicycle, the best turn-out, etc. It having been arranged that we should go to the top of Wansfell to see the bonfires, we set out at nine o'clock, accompanied by Miss Williams and Miss Cruse, but were forced to turn back at the Grammar School by torrents of rain. Nevertheless, we had quite a good view of the Loughrigg bonfire on the way down, and from the windows after we got back. We read afterwards that "about sixty loyal hearts had lustily cheered the King while dancing round the blaze."

On Wednesday, June 28th, Mr. Thornley arrived, and was entertained by the juniors with a delightful representation of "The Foresters," by Tennyson, which they gave for the first time at the Conference.

On Thursday Mr. Thornley took the seniors along the Brathay and home by Skelwith, finding, as usual, innumerable things of interest and answering innumerable questions. The next day he took the juniors in the morning and the children in the afternoon, and at 5 o'clock he inspected the gardens. He said that we should try to represent every British species of each order rather than a few foreign ones.

During the term we have had the following drawing-room evenings, all of which were very enjoyable: "Dickens," Miss Deck; "Greek Myths," Miss Derrick; "Our Dominions Overseas," Miss J. R. Smith; "Florence Nightingale," Miss

Aspinall; as well as a musical evening given by the seniors, the musical programme, and a musical evening given by the children. In addition to these, Miss Fletcher, of Ambleside, read us a most interesting paper on "Early English Literature," with especial reference to "Beowulf."

On July 5th the juniors gave a picnic to the seniors at Brackney Beck, on the side of Wansfell, which was much enjoyed by everyone.

It has been an exceptionally good year for flowers, and our list numbers, up to date, 325.

Yours sincerely,

THE PRESENT STUDENTS.

P.N.E.U. CONFERENCE AT READING.

Four days of unclouded sky and brilliant sunshine, green lawns and shady trees, and unbounded welcome and hospitality from all the members of the Reading Branch of the P.N.E.U. greeted all those who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Annual Conference. I wonder whether these things stand out before all others in the minds of those present as they do in mine. No Conference could have been held in more delightful surroundings; the setting was continually changing, and one hour would find us all out on the lawn under the shade of lovely trees where it was comparatively easy to keep cool, and the next hour would find us in the Great Hall—light and spacious, though perhaps not quite so breezy. The various buildings of the College are connected by red-flagged walks, roofed in to protect them from the rain, whilst on either hand are lawns or flower beds, so that wherever we were there was something to delight the eye. Garden teas were the order of the day. Monday found us at the College itself listening to an address of welcome from Principal Childs on behalf of the Reading Executive Committee. Tuesday found us all the guests of Miss Masson and the High School authorities, and after tea we repaired to

the large hall and were entertained with music and singing and with drill and fancy marching by the High School girls themselves. Then on Wednesday we were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Palmer in the grounds of S. Andrew's Hostel, where several members of the Conference were lodging for the few days; and on Thursday we repaired to Wantage Hall—the men's hostel—the magnificent gift of Lady Wantage, who had presided over the meetings that morning. So you see, we had no lack of variety, and it is impossible to say which was the most delightful.

As regards the papers and addresses, there too was a wide range of subjects, and though some naturally appealed to us more than others, all were enjoyable and many of the discussions were most interesting. Dr. Morris gave us a great deal of sound common sense in his paper on "The Nervous System," and we all immensely enjoyed Mrs. Phillp's delightfully breezy and sympathetic way of dealing with her subject of "Independence and Authority." Mr. Vaughan made an eloquent appeal against the distraction of worldliness, and the Bishop of Oxford's earnest address on the "Needs of the Spirit" gave us a great deal to think about, and formed a fitting conclusion. Mrs. Franklin reviewed the work of the few days and of the P.N.E.U. generally, and the Reading Conference was at an end. Eleven students were fortunate enough to be there for all or part of the time, and it was a great pleasure to renew old acquaintances and make some fresh ones, and we were all proud to feel that the Secretary of the P.N.E.U. is herself one of us.

This account is very sketchy, but the papers will be reported elsewhere. What I wanted particularly was to try and hand on a little of the delightful sense of freedom and space that was over all. The motto of the Conference was: "Bring the brain to act upon the heart," and surely the unique surroundings we enjoyed at Reading made this much more easy than it might have been had we lived through the same climatic conditions in a less favoured spot.

L. GRAY.

FOLK SONGS FOR CHILDREN.

Some excellent collections are now published, but quite the best is a book by Rev. Baring Gould, who has collected the words of the songs in going through the country and getting the old people to sing to him the songs passed down from father to son. The music to these has been composed by Mr. Cecil Sharp, who has harmonised the exact melodies used by the people.

"Folk-Songs for Children (or Schools)," Baring Gould. About 1s. 6d.

"Child Songs," Carey Brunner. (Publishers, Curwen, Berners Street.)

"The Three Tailors" (a charming song). Published by Novello & Co. in their 1½d. edition of songs.

Other folk-songs can be bought separately in this edition such as "The Three Sons," "Oh, no, John," "Strawberry Fair," and "The Three Waggoners."

"Songs of Innocence," Dr. A. Somervell.

"Children's Songs," Schumann.

"Weinachtlieder," Peter Cornelius.

"National Song Book." Published by Boosey & Co.

"Haddo's Songs." Published by Curwen.

Mrs. Gomme's "Children's Games" is another delightful collection containing such old favourites as "Looby Loo," "London Bridge," "In and Out the Village," etc.

TURNER.

There are so many biographies of Turner that an account of his life is unnecessary here. One point, however, that might be dwelt upon is that, despite his undoubted talent, Turner increased it a hundredfold by his perseverance and hard work. Children with any capability in whatsoever direction are so apt to take it for granted that they can do